

PATENT APPLICATION MO-5980-D STA-111

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| APPLICATION OF | |)) GROUP NO.: 1754) |
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| ASTRID GORGE ET AL | | |
| SERIAL NUMBER: 10/737,000 | |)) EXAMINER:) STUART L. HENDRICKSON |
| FILED: | DECEMBER 16, 2003 |) |
| TITLE: | SPHEROIDALLY AGGLOMERATED BASIC COBALT (II) CARBONATE AND SPHEROIDALLY AGGLOMERATED COBALT (II) HYDROXIDE, PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND THEIR USE | |

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for consideration. A separate Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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